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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING IN VIDEO A  
SECONDARY GAME RESPONSIVE TO PLAYER INTERACTION  
WITH A PRIMARY GAME**

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2001, please amend the  
application as follows.

#### In The Drawings

Formal drawings are being submitted herewith. No new matter has been added.

#### In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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B1
1. (Once Amended) A method for operating a group of gaming machines interconnected by a network comprising the steps of:  
allowing play to simultaneously occur on the gaming machines, each of said gaming machines having a primary game associated therewith;  
detecting a triggering event;  
initiating a single secondary game from one of the gaming machines after the occurrence of the triggering event, said single secondary game being common to the group of gaming machines and resulting in an outcome; and

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